

HEALTHCARE
Coordination
between govt,
NGO needed
Says Hossain Zillur
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

NGOs play a crucial role in Bangladesh's healthcare system by delivering essential services, raising awareness, and advocating for policy reforms, speakers said at an event yesterday.

They said NGOs help provide basic healthcare to underserved communities and strengthen engagement with public infrastructure.

However, financial sustainability and integration challenges hinder their effectiveness, they said, raising concerns about duplication of efforts and short-term project-based approaches without lasting impact.

They were speaking at the Health Debate held at CIRDP auditorium, organised by Power and Participation Research Centre and UHC Forum.

At the discussion, PPRC Executive Chairman Hossain Zillur Rahman emphasised the need for better government-NGO coordination, improved financial governance, and strategic policy engagement to strengthen healthcare system.

"We must integrate services from government, private sector, and NGOs," he said. "Defining clear roles and creating parallel structures for underserved areas is essential."

He acknowledged that foreign donor dependence won't end soon, urging NGOs to focus on maximising local resources.

The debate explored govt-financing for NGOs. "There are many activities the government won't directly implement, but can utilise NGO structures and personnel," said Zillur.

Preserving the
taste of puffed rice

KM HABIBUR RAHMAN, Pirojpur

The day begins at dawn every day for Rekha Mondal.

She cleans the utensils, heats the earthen stove, and soaks rice in brine as the first steps after waking up.

These are the initial stages of preparing puffed rice in the traditional way.

With machine-made puffed rice gaining ground, traditional methods are gradually fading over time.

A few families in Lara village, under Pirojpur's Nazirpur upazila, are still striving against the odds to keep the tradition alive.

Rekha Mondal's family is among



them.

The process of making puffed rice traditionally is simple yet labour-intensive.

"It takes two people to do the work, both usually women. My mother-in-law and I do it at our house from dawn till dusk," said Rekha, 45.

During a recent visit, this correspondent saw Rekha and her mother-in-law, Kanan Mondal, 65, sitting around a triple-top earthen stove, making puffed rice.

On the stove were three pots -- two earthen and one aluminum -- being heated with rice inside.

Each pot serves a different purpose. One of the earthen pots is used to heat rice that was previously soaked in salt water.

The rice is then heated again in the aluminum pot before being placed in hot sand in the other earthen pot.

Once the rice is heated in the hot sand, it turns into white puffed rice in the blink of an eye.

Later, it is separated from the sand using a sieve and packed for sale.

Kanan's son, Biplob Mondal, 25, oversees selling their puffed rice to buyers.

With the help of family members, Biplob Mondal has been producing puffed rice naturally for the last 25 years.

"Apart from salt for taste, we add nothing to the puffed rice. It is completely natural and safe to consume," Rekha said.

Kanan Mondal, who has been preparing puffed rice for the last 25 years, said it is very uncomfortable to work all day amid the heat inside the kitchen.

"However, I have become accustomed to it by now," she said with a smile.



Biplob said they produce around two maunds of puffed rice daily.

"Around 24 kilogrammes of puffed rice can be prepared from one maund of paddy. As such, we need around 400 maunds of paddy every year. Our production usually peaks during Ramadan since the demand for puffed rice rises at that time," he said.

He also mentioned that their puffed rice has good demand even beyond their locality.

"However, the spiraling price of paddy and the commercial production of machine-made puffed rice at lower costs have made it difficult for us to survive," he said, adding that they cannot sell their product at the expected price.

"Dishonest businessmen deceive consumers by selling machine-made puffed rice with harmful additives while falsely claiming it to be traditionally made. They can sell it cheaply and still make a profit, whereas it is hard for us even to recover our production costs," Biplob added.

Govt cancels
Jai Jai Din's
permit
STAR REPORT

The government has cancelled the permit of the daily Jai Jai Din in response to an application from the newspaper's former editor Shafik Rehman, alleging that it had violated publishing rules.

This information was revealed in an order signed by Dhaka District Magistrate and Deputy Commissioner Tanvir Ahmed yesterday.

Shafik Rehman had complained that the newspaper is not being printed from the authorised press and that false information is being given in the printers' line. In view of this, after taking all necessary measures including issuing a show-cause notice and finding the facts of the complaint, the permit declaration has been cancelled.

According to the order, the publication of Jai Jai Din has violated Section 10 of the Printing and Publications (Declaration and Registration) Act, 1973.

The order said that considering this violation of rules, the permit under the name of Sayeed Hossain Chowdhury (brother of former Awami League lawmaker and minister Saber Hossain Chowdhury), publisher and printer of the daily Jai Jai Din newspaper, has been cancelled.

‘Dr’ title only for MBBS,
BDS degree holders: HC

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday ruled that only individuals who completed their MBBS and BDS can use the title "Dr" before their names.

"None other than the people qualifying for the MBBS and BDS degrees can use the prefix 'Dr' under the Bangladesh Medical and Dental Council Act, 2010," the court said.

Delivering a verdict on two separate writ petitions, the HC directed the respondents to take necessary steps to designate the

writ petitioners, who hold the degree of Diploma in Medical Faculty (DMF), with appropriate prefix within six months.

The respondents are the secretaries at the ministries of health and law; director generals of directorate of health services and directorate of family planning; and the president and registrar of Bangladesh Medical and Dental Council.

The HC also clarified that those who have already used "Dr" before their names without completing MBBS or BDS degrees till yesterday cannot be punished. But if they use it from today, they can be punished under the relevant law, the court added.

The HC bench of Justice Razik-Al-Jalil and Justice Shathika Hossain delivered the verdict after holding hearing on the writ petitions.

After the Bangladesh Medical and Dental Council Act, 2010 was formulated, Md Shamsul Huda, the then convener of the Bangladesh Diploma Medical

Association, and others filed a writ petition with the HC in 2013 alleging that the law has discriminated against the DMF degree holders.

The president and secretary of the same organisation filed another writ petition with the HC last year challenging the legality of section 29 of the law.

Following the first writ petition, the HC on March 11, 2013 issued a rule asking the respondents to show causes as to why the denial of the right to the petitioners by an arbitrary construction and application of the BMDC Act, 2010 should not be declared illegal and unconstitutional.

In response to the second writ petition, the HC on November 25 last year issued another rule asking respondents to explain why section 29 of BMDC Act, 2010 should not be declared contradictory to Constitution.

After the verdict, Deputy Attorney General AFM Saiful Karim said, "No one except MBBS or BDS degree holders can

use 'Dr' before their name." Meanwhile, outdoor operations at Dhaka Medical College Hospital remained suspended since 10:30am yesterday due to a strike.

Around 1:00pm, this correspondent found the ticket counters still closed, with many patients waiting for services.

Interns and medical students called the strike as part of a countrywide protest to press home their five demands, including restricting the use of the "doctor" title exclusively to MBBS and BDS degree holders.

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Date: 12/03/2025

International Tender Notice for Import of Non-Basmati Parboiled Rice
(Package-11, FY- 2024-2025)

International tender in sealed cover are invited from bonafide traders for supply of 50,000 (Fifty thousand) (5%±) Metric Tons of Non-Basmati Parboiled Rice. The particulars of international tender are furnished below:

| Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh | | | |
|---|--|---|---|
| 1 | Ministry/Division | : | Ministry of Food |
| 2 | Agency | : | Not applicable |
| 3 | Procuring entity name | : | Director Procurement |
| 4 | Procuring entity code | : | Not applicable |
| 5 | Procuring entity district | : | Dhaka |
| 6 | Invitation for | : | Procurement of 50,000 MT (5%+) Non-Basmati Parboiled Rice |
| 7 | Invitation Ref. No. & date | : | 13.01.0000.093.46.021.25-271 Dated: 12/03/2025 |
| KEY INFORMATION | | | |
| 8 | Procuring method | : | International Open Tender Method |
| FUNDING INFORMATION | | | |
| 9 | Budget and source of fund | : | GoB Fund |
| 10 | Development partners (if applicable) | : | Not applicable |
| PARTICULAR INFORMATION | | | |
| 11 | Project/ programme / code (if applicable) | : | Not applicable |
| 12 | Project/ programme name (if applicable) | : | Not applicable |
| 13 | Package No. | : | Package-11 |
| 14 | Package name | : | Procurement of 50,000 MT (5%+) Non-Basmati Parboiled Rice |
| 15 | Notice publication date | : | 13 March, 2025 |
| 16 | Selling of tender schedule | : | 13 March, 2025 to 25 March, 2025 up to 3.00pm (BST) |
| 17 | Date and time of closing | : | 27 March, 2025, Upto Time 1.00pm (BST) |
| 18 | Date and time of opening | : | 27 March, 2025, Time 1.30pm (BST) |
| 19 | Name and address of the office(s): | | |
| | Selling tender documents | : | Office Chamber of Director, (Procurement), Room No. 501, Directorate General of Food, 16 Abdul Gani Road, Dhaka. |
| | Receiving place of tender | : | 1) Office Chamber of Director, (Procurement), Room No. 501, Directorate General of Food, 16 Abdul Gani Road, Dhaka. 2) Office Chamber of Joint Secretary, Room No. 114, (1 st floor), Building No. 04, Ministry of Food, Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka. |
| | Opening place of tender | : | Office Chamber of Director, (Procurement), Room No. 501, Directorate General of Food, 16 Abdul Gani Road, Dhaka. |
| 20 | Place/date/time of pre-tender meeting (optional) | : | Not applicable |
| INFORMATION FOR TENDERER | | | |
| 21 | Eligibility of tenderer | : | Necessary papers to be submitted complying the conditions mentioned in the tender documents. |
| 22 | Brief description of goods or works | : | 50,000 (5%±) (Fifty thousand) MT. of Non-basmati Parboiled rice at Chattogram (60%) and Mongla (40%) port on CIF Liner Out term. Cost of the Cargo, Insurance and Freight including Stevedoring, Overseas Handling and Lightering are on seller's account. Single price per MT is to be quoted in US\$. |
| 23 | Brief description of related services | : | Not applicable |
| 24 | Price of tender document (Tk.) | : | Tk 5,000 (five thousand) or USD 100 (One hundred) non-refundable by Pay Order/Bank Draft drawn in favour of Director General, Directorate General of Food. |
| | Mode of payment | : | Through Letter of Credit (L/C). |
| | Crop year | : | Late 2024 or latest |
| | Validity of the offer | : | 10 April, 2025 Upto 5.00pm (BST) |

25 Quality & Specification:

| Quality parameters | Specification | Margin of tolerance with claim for deviation beyond specification | Rejection |
|--|--|--|-------------------------------|
| Moisture (maximum) | 13.5% | 14.0% | above 14.0% |
| Broken grain (Maximum) | 5.0% (Rice of size 3/4th and below will be considered as broken and less than 1/4th broken should not be more than 2%) | 6.0% (Rice of size 3/4th and below will be considered as broken and less than 1/4th broken should not be more than 3%) | above 6.0% |
| Foreign matter (Maximum) | 0.3% | 0.5% | above 0.5% |
| Dead, damaged & discoloured grains (Maximum) | 3% in total | 4.0% | above 4.0% |
| Radio-Activity (maximum) | 50 Bq/Kg of 137Cs/134Cs (Relaxable for the crop of SAARC and South-East Asian country) | 50 Bq/Kg of 137Cs/134Cs (Relaxable for the crop of SAARC and South-East Asian country) | above 50 Bq/Kg of 137Cs/134Cs |

All the parameters must be limited to percentage mentioned against each item individually and separately.

| Pack No. | Identification of Shipment | Country of origin | Location | Tender security amount (US\$.) | Shipment period |
|----------|--|--|--|---|---|
| Pack- 11 | 50,000 MT (5%±) Non-Basmati Parboiled rice on CIF Liner out term | Any country of the world except Israel | Chattogram port- 60% and Mongla port-40% | US\$ 300,000 (Three hundred thousand) in favour of Director General of Food for 50,000 MT Parboiled rice (5%±) in the form of a Bank Draft/Pay-Order (No Bank Guarantee is allowed) | 40 (forty) days from the date of opening of the L.C. Note that at least 50% of the total quantity must be shipped within 25 days of opening of the L.C. |

PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS

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| 26 | Name of official inviting tender | Md. Moniruzzaman |
| 27 | Designation of official inviting tender | Director (Procurement) |
| 28 | Address of official inviting tender | Office Chamber of Director, (Procurement), Room No. 501, Directorate General of Food, 16 Abdul Gani Road, Dhaka. |
| 29 | Contact details of official inviting tender | Phone: +88-02-41050178 E-mail: dproc@dgfood.gov.bd |
| 30 | (i) Incomplete, conditional tender and alternate offer shall not be considered. The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders partly or wholly without assigning any reason. (ii) Tenderer who has been awarded two NOAs (Notification of Award) waiting for signing the contract or has signed two contracts but shipment under any of the contracts has not yet set sailed for destination, shall not be eligible to participate in the tender. (iii) Tenderer who had been awarded NOAs (Notification of Award) earlier but could not execute contract by submitting PG (Performance Guarantee) on time, shall not be eligible to participate in the next two tenders. (iv) Tenderer whose bid-bonds had been forfeited twice for not submitting PG or signing contract on time, shall not be eligible to participate in the tender for the rest period of the current financial year, whether the money accruing from the bid-bonds so forfeited is deposited to the Government treasury or not. (v) Tenderer whose whole PG (Performance Guarantee) had been forfeited for non-supply of the contracted quantity, shall not be eligible to participate in the tender for the rest period of the current financial year, whether the money accruing from PG so forfeited is deposited to the Government treasury or not. | |

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স্মারক নং নি.বি.বি.শা চবি/৩০৪(৪)/৩৪০৭/২০২৫

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নিম্নে বর্ণিত বেতন ফেলে এবং বিধি মোতাবেক প্রদেয় অন্যান্য ভাতায় এ বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের ইনস্টিটিউট অব এডুকেশন এন্ড রিসার্চ (আই.ই.আর) এর আওতাভুক্ত চট্টগ্রাম বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় ল্যাবরেটরী স্কুল এন্ড কলেজের মাধ্যমিক ও উচ্চ মাধ্যমিক শাখায় বাংলাদেশ বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় মঞ্জুরী কমিশন কর্তৃক অনুমোদিত পাবলিক বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ে অঙ্গীভূত স্কুল/স্কুল ও কলেজ পরিচালনা নীতিমালা ২০২৩ অনুযায়ী নিম্নোক্ত পদসমূহে শিক্ষক নিয়োগের জন্য বাংলাদেশী নাগরিকদের নিকট হতে নির্ধারিত ফরমে আবেদনপত্র আহ্বান করা যাচ্ছে :

ক) উচ্চ মাধ্যমিক শাখা:

| ক্রমিক | পদের বিবরণ | পদ সংখ্যা | জাতীয় বেতন ফেল ২০১৫ |
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| ১. | অধ্যক্ষ | ১টি স্থায়ী | ৫ম গ্রেড |
| ২. | প্রভাষক (পৌরনীতি) | ১টি স্থায়ী | ৯ম গ্রেড |
| ৩. | প্রভাষক (গণিত) | ১টি স্থায়ী | ৯ম গ্রেড |
| ৪. | প্রভাষক (পদার্থবিদ্যা) | ১টি স্থায়ী | ৯ম গ্রেড |
| ৫. | প্রভাষক (ব্যবস্থাপনা) | ১টি স্থায়ী | ৯ম গ্রেড |
| ৬. | প্রভাষক (অর্থনীতি) | ১টি স্থায়ী | ৯ম গ্রেড |
| ৭. | প্রভাষক (মনোবিজ্ঞান) | ১টি স্থায়ী | ৯ম গ্রেড |
| ৮. | প্রভাষক (প্রাণিবিদ্যা) | ১টি স্থায়ী | ৯ম গ্রেড |
| ৯. | প্রভাষক (রসায়ন) | ১টি স্থায়ী | ৯ম গ্রেড |
| ১০. | প্রভাষক (পরিসংখ্যান) | ১টি স্থায়ী | ৯ম গ্রেড |
| ১১. | প্রভাষক (তথ্য ও যোগাযোগ প্রযুক্তি) | ১টি স্থায়ী | ৯ম গ্রেড |

খ) মাধ্যমিক শাখা:

| ক্রমিক | পদের বিবরণ | পদ সংখ্যা | জাতীয় বেতন ফেল ২০১৫ |
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| ১. | সহকারী প্রধান শিক্ষক (গণিতসহ বিজ্ঞান) | ১টি স্থায়ী | ৮ম গ্রেড |
| ২. | সহকারী শিক্ষক (বাংলা) | ২টি স্থায়ী | ১০ম গ্রেড |
| ৩. | সহকারী শিক্ষক (জীববিজ্ঞান) | ১টি স্থায়ী | ১০ম গ্রেড |
| ৪. | সহকারী শিক্ষক (রসায়ন) | ১টি স্থায়ী | ১০ম গ্রেড |
| ৫. | সহকারী শিক্ষক (পদার্থবিদ্যা) | ১টি স্থায়ী | ১০ম গ্রেড |
| ৬. | সহকারী শিক্ষক (সামাজিক বিজ্ঞান) | ৪টি স্থায়ী | ১০ম গ্রেড |
| ৭. | সহকারী শিক্ষক (ইংরেজি) | ২টি স্থায়ী | ১০ম গ্রেড |
| ৮. | সহকারী শিক্ষক (আই.সি.টি) | ২টি স্থায়ী | ১০ম গ্রেড |
| ৯. | সহকারী শিক্ষক (ইসলাম, হিন্দু ও বৌদ্ধ) | ৩টি স্থায়ী | ১০ম গ্রেড |
| ১০. | সহকারী শিক্ষক (ব্যবসায় শিক্ষা) | ১টি স্থায়ী | ১০ম গ্রেড |
| ১১. | সহকারী শিক্ষক (কৃষি শিক্ষা) | ১টি স্থায়ী | ১০ম গ্রেড |

ব্যক্তিগতভাবে যোগাযোগ করে রেজিস্ট্রার অফিস হতে অথবা চট্টগ্রাম বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের ওয়েব সাইট (<http://www.cu.ac.bd/notice-board>) হতে Download করে উক্ত পদসমূহের জন্য প্রয়োজনীয় ন্যূনতম যোগ্যতা, শর্তাবলী ও বিস্তারিত তথ্যাদিসহ পূর্ণাঙ্গ বিজ্ঞপ্তি এবং <http://www.cu.ac.bd/forms.php> হতে Download করে আবেদন পত্রের নির্ধারিত ফরম ও প্রকাশনার তালিকার প্রেক্ষমা সংগ্রহ করা যাবে।

নির্ধারিত ফরমে অধ্যক্ষ/প্রভাষক/সহকারী প্রধান শিক্ষক ও সহকারী শিক্ষক পদের প্রতিটির জন্য ৮(আট) সেট করে দরখাস্ত আগামী ২৩/০৪/২০২৫ তারিখের মধ্যে অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে (সকাল ৮ টা থেকে বেলা ৩ টা ৩০ পর্যন্ত) রেজিস্ট্রার অফিসে পৌছাতে হবে।

অগ্রাণী ব্যাংক পিএলসি/জনতা ব্যাংক পিএলসি যে কোন শাখা হতে রেজিস্ট্রার, চট্টগ্রাম বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় অনুকূলে অগ্রাণী ব্যাংক পিএলসি, চট্টগ্রাম বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় শাখা/জনতা ব্যাংক পিএলসি, চট্টগ্রাম বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় শাখা, চট্টগ্রাম এর উপর প্রদেয় আবেদনপত্র ফি বাবদ ৫০০/- (পাঁচশত) টাকার ব্যাংক ড্রাফট (উক্ত দুটি ব্যাংকের চট্টগ্রাম বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় শাখা থেকে হলে পে-অর্ডার), প্রাণীর সাস্ত্যতিক তোলা পাসপোর্ট সাইজের ৩ (তিন) কপি সত্যায়িত ছবি আবেদনের মূল সেটের সাথে এবং মার্কশীটসহ সকল শিক্ষাগত যোগ্যতা, অভিজ্ঞতা নাগরিকত্বের সার্টিফিকেটের সত্যায়িত কপি আবেদনের প্রত্যেক সেটের সাথে সংযোজন করতে হবে। দাখিলকৃত ব্যাংক ড্রাফট/পে-অর্ডার এবং অন্যান্য কাগজপত্র ফেরতযোগ্য নয়।

পুন:বিজ্ঞাপিত পদসমূহের জন্য ইতোপূর্বে আবেদনকারীরগণের মধ্যে এ বিজ্ঞপ্তিতে বর্ণিত প্রয়োজনীয় ন্যূনতম যোগ্যতাবাহী প্রাধীণগকে পুনরায় আবেদন করার প্রয়োজন নেই।

এই নিয়োগ বিজ্ঞপ্তির যে কোন ধারা/উপধারা বা নিয়োগের শর্তাবলী কর্তৃপক্ষ প্রয়োজন মনে করলে সংশোধন করতে পারবে।

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